Rice imported from Burma.

377. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the quantity of rice imported by them from Burma ;

(*b*) the quantity so far sold out ;

(*c*) whether they have incurred any loss in the transaction; and

(*d*) whether they have arranged for any further supply of rice from Burma ?

MR. V. R. SANKARANARAYANA PILLAI : (*a*) 1,76,628 sacks.

(*b*) 1,60,444 sacks up to 19-10-1115.

(*c*) This could be answered only after the whole stock is sold out.

(*d*) No.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : May I know whether, with reference to part (c), there could not be a loss on the transaction by the nature of it ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : Yes. It is bound to be a loss.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI : May I know why Government have not demanded a further supply ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : Government did not think it necessary.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether after 19-10-1115 the balance remaining unsold was also sold by the Government ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : It is being sold every day.

Rice got down by Government.

378. * MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total number of sacks of rice got down by Government as a price control measure ;

(*b*) the cost price of each sack of rice ;

(*c*) the price of each sack at the Government and other godowns ;

(*d*) the market price of similar variety of rice at the time of the disposal of those sacks ; and

(*e*) the number of sacks sold by Government up-to-date ?

MR. V. R. SANKARANARAYANA PILLAI : (*a*) 1,76,628.

(*b*) The actual cost could be ascertained only after the entire stock is sold out.

(*c*) The selling price fixed is as follows :

First quality	B. Rs. 8-5-0.
Second quality	B. Rs. 8-4-0.

(*c*) The information is not available as the rice was sold during a period of five months.

(*d*) 1,60,444 up to 19-10-1115.

Supplies by the Stores Purchase Committee.

379. * MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have made any enquiries with the departments concerned as to whether the supplies by the Stores Purchase Committee are of the required quality ?

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MR. M K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: No. Contracts for supply of articles are usually settled only in consultation with the Heads of Departments concerned, the quality selected being what is suitable for the service at the most competitive price at which it is available.

Students of backward communities.

380. **MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of students of backward communities undergoing collegiate education?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Pro-Vice-Chancellor*): The statement asked for is laid on the table.

MR. KAVIYOOR K. KOCHUKUNJU? പിന്നോക്ക സമുദായത്തിൽ നിന്ന് കാളേജ് വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം ചെയ്യുന്ന വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ പട്ടിക തന്നിട്ടുള്ളതിൽ ഈഴവർ, വിശ്വകർമ്മജർ, നാടാർ മുതലായ സമുദായങ്ങളിലെ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളെക്കൂടി ഉൾപ്പെട്ടുത്തിക്കാണുന്നു. ഈ സമുദായങ്ങൾ പിന്നോക്കസമുദായത്തിൽ ഉൾപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ളവരാണെന്നാണോ വിചാരിക്കേണ്ടതു?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: Yes, Sir. There used to be two classes, the backward and the depressed. The expression depressed has now been dropped under the orders of Government and all these communities are now classified as "backward".

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: "ഡിപ്രെസ്ഡ്" എന്ന പദം ഉപയോഗിച്ചുകൂടാ എന്നു ഗവണ്മെന്റു് ആജ്ഞാപിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: That is what I have just stated.

"Truth about Travancore."

381 ***MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of copies of "Truth about Travancore" (by one Mr. Nilkan Perumal) purchased by the Government;

(*b*) the cost the Government had to bear in purchasing the copies of that book; and

(*c*) whether the copies were circulated among officials and non-officials?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) Five hundred copies of the book were purchased.

(*b*) Rs. 188-8-0 (one hundred and eighty eight and annas eight only).

(*c*) The copies were distributed among officials, press representatives, libraries, schools and colleges.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Sir, May I know the necessity to circulate that book among officials, Press representatives, etc.?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: At the time, when the book was published false news were being disseminated by interested people with malicious motives. To counteract the evil effects of such propaganda, Government purchased these books and distributed them.

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